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CIA Director in S.F. — Tells of Terrorist Menace

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CIA director William J. Casey charged yesterday that "terrorist training camps are the largest industry in Libya, next to oil."

Casey told members of the Commonwealth Club at a luncheon at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel that terrorists are operating in Libya, Cuba, South Yemen, Lebanon and Iraq, "with at least tacit Soviet approval."

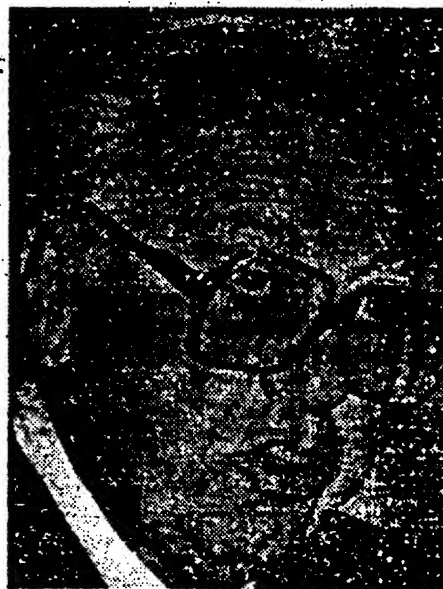
Now that terrorism is thriving, he added, it will persist as a menace even if the Soviet Union withdraws its support.

Casey said the CIA is now working with the intelligence services of other friendly nations to crack terrorist organizations and train local police in dealing with their members.

The job is complicated, he argued, because the CIA is unable to prevent public scrutiny of some of the material in its files.

"The willingness of foreign intelligence services to share information and of individuals to risk their lives and reputations will continue to wither away until we get rid of the Freedom of Information Act," Casey said.

Continuing a campaign he began last fall, Casey declared that the act is "a self-inflicted wound that leaves us the



WILLIAM J. CASEY
Commonwealth Club speech

only country in the world which now gives foreign intelligence agencies and anyone else a license to poke in our files."

Four percent of the agency's personnel budget is devoted to producing material demanded by journalists, authors and others under the provisions of the act, he said.